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SPLITTERS WILL GET OVERPLUS.

Some Large Fish Fares at Boston This Morning.

Since yesterday morning T wharf has had quite a bunch of fish, no less than 23 vessels reporting up to the time the bell rang this morning. Some of the trips were large and the splitters down here will get some fish in consequence.

The fish taken out for market brought good prices, new off-shore haddock selling for \$1.75 and shore haddock for \$3.50 with shore large cod at \$3 to \$4 and pollock up to \$2. Some few hake brought from \$1.25 to \$2.85.

The largest fare goes to the credit of sch. Mary DeCosta she having 115,000 pounds of cod and haddock and 1000 pounds of halibut. There are several other big fares in, sch. Catherine and Ellen having 97,000 pounds, sch. Aspinet 90,000 pounds of mixed fish and 2500 pounds of halibut, sch. Richard J. Nunan 74,000 pounds of hake and cusk, from the shore grounds, sch. Margaret Dillon 63,000 pounds of cod and haddock and 2000 pounds of halibut. The steam trawler Spray has 67,000 pounds, about all haddock.

Sch. Matchless leads the market fishermen with 52,000 pounds, 50,000 pounds of which are haddock. About all the shore boats in have fair catches and some good trips will be made.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, 70,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 23,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Matchless, 50,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Annie Perry, 24,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Aspinet, 20,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 5000 hake, 25,000 cusk, 5000 pollock, 2500 halibut.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 5000 cod, 80,000 hake, 12,000 cusk.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 1500 cod.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 4000 cod, 50,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.
Sch. Esther Gray, 8000 cod.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 8000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 17,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 15,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Steamer Spray, 60,000 haddock, 1,500 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Appomattox, 18,000 cod.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 25,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 8000 cusk, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Gertrude, 28,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Emily Sears, 3000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Motor, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 5000 haddock, 3,000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 8000 haddock, 1,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Alcina, 28,000 cod.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod.
Off shore haddock, \$1.75 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3.50; off shore large cod, \$2.75; shore large cod, \$3 to \$4; shore market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.85; pollock, \$2.

Market Fishermen Hampered by Lack of Bait.

Lack of fresh bait continues to delay the vessels which are fishing for the market, who would get big catches, if they could find something tempting to put on the hooks. The question of bait has become so acute that the fishermen telephone to all places where herring are caught each morning to find some. Some of the captains have paid a high price for alewives rather than take the frozen bait, while others seeing no other way out of the difficulty, have accepted frozen herring and squid rather than wait at the wharves.

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Returned from Pensacola.

Capt. Benjamin Spurling of Boothbay Harbor, Me., is in town today. He has been in command of a red snapper fisherman out of Pensacola, Fla., all winter and was one of the high liners of the whole fleet.

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EASTERLY HOLDS POLLOCK FLEET.

Scarcity of Bait Also Keeps Market Fleet From Fishing.

The easterly spell of weather is holding the pollock fleet in port, while scarcity of bait is bothering the market and shack fleet. Not many vessels are due from the eastward and this triple combination of circumstances is making for but few arrivals at this port.

This morning but two vessels were in, sch. Waldo L. Stream, from the Seal Island grounds, with 7000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of fresh fish and 5000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Ella G. King, Capt. Benj. Johnson, has a good Georges handline trip, 28,000 pounds of salt cod and 1500 pounds of halibut.

The whole pollock seining fleet is in port, but the skippers are anxious to get out and at it and will sail as soon as the wind quits the eastern board.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Seal Island ground, 7000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Ella G. King, Georges, 28,000 lbs. salt cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Boston.
Sch. Kineo, halibuting.
Sch. Galatea, Boston.
Sch. Catherine Burke, halibuting.
Sch. Titania, Georges.
Sch. Ingomar, shacking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 3-4 cts. for gray.
Georges halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. per lb. for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

The Provincetown sch. Gladstone will now fit for dory handling at this port.

Sch. Fish Hawk baited at Edgartown Saturday.

Sch. Ramona will fit for flitched halibuting under command of Capt. Peter Nelson.

Sch. Muriel will fit for a Cape North cod shacking trip under command of Capt. John McDonald.

Fresh Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Waldo L. Stream sold to the New England Fish Company at 9 cents per pound for white and 6 3-4 cents per pound for gray.

Will Fit for Pollock Seining.

The steamer Mascot is to fit for pollock seining under command of Capt. Frank Carroll.

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Sch. Ingomar Ready for Sea.

Repairs on the sch. Ingomar, made necessary by the slight fire in her sail room Saturday, have been completed and she is all ready for sea once more.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Fish are stronger, not olfactorily, but commercially. The recent spell of bad weather has stiffened the market somewhat and as a result fishermen are getting a little more for their fares. The weather was so unfavorable that even the small boat men who are out under all sorts of conditions landed but a small amount.

Three giant iron sticks are now lying in the depot of the United States light house engineer. They are to be taken to different points along the Maine coast as soon as the weather becomes favorable and set up as "spindles" to mark points dangerous to navigation. One of the iron shafts is to be set up at Whaleboat island and another at Pig Rocks, both of which places are near Boothbay. The third is to be placed at Goat island, off the harbor of Cape Porpoise.

Arrived Monday; steamer Carrie and Mildred, 5000 pounds fresh fish, sch. Alice G., 9000 lbs. pollock.

Lobster Fishery Recommendations Rejected.

The recommendations of Commander Wakeham for the shortening of the lobster fishing season has been rejected by the Fisheries Committee of the Canadian House of Commons on the ground that it would too seriously disturb the industry.

A very radical recommendation was made that all along the coast except in the counties of St. John and Charlotte, N. B., the size limit be abolished. In St. John and Charlotte the limit will be 10 1-2 inches.

It is recommended that in 1911 new trap regulations be enforced which would prevent too many small lobsters being taken. It was recommended that the slats of traps be not less than an inch and a quarter apart and the mesh of the net at either end be not less than three and a half inches.

Wreck Sighted.

A large upturned vessel off Sable island and in the track of ocean liners is the report contained in a wireless dispatch from Captain Black of the Anchor liner Furnessa bound from New York to Glasgow. At 7.55 o'clock Monday night when 145 miles southeast of Sable island Captain Black flashed this message to the wireless station on the island: "I passed an object, seemingly a large up-turned vessel bearing south 20 east true, eight miles from this position, latitude 42.35 north; longitude 60.47 W. Vessel in path of steamer. Notify land station."

Fresh Water Fish Glut in New York.

The Fishing Gazette of Saturday says: "The present week at New York saw the greatest glut in the fresh water fish market know in the memory of the oldest man in the business. There were probably 10,000 boxes of fresh water fish sent on to meet the demand caused by the feast of Pass-over. Much of the stock was poor and brought low prices, still it was all disposed of. Good fish brought high prices."

Sent to Maine for Herring.

To solve the bait question some of the dealers at T wharf sent to the east after herring, and yesterday morning they received 120 barrels, which were eagerly seized upon by the captains who had been waiting for several days for bait. There was no encouraging news from the trap owners along Cape Cod, and some of the vessels that put into Provincetown for bait last Saturday were obliged to take frozen bait Monday in order to get away.

Big Catch of Bluefish.

Over 50,000 pounds of bluefish were caught in Core Sound, N. C., during the past week. On account of the weather, and large catches elsewhere, the northern markets are overstocked, and prices are so low that Morehead City dealers could not handle the catches at a profit.

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Stocked \$1100 in Sch. Matiana.

Capt. Fred Chetwynd, who made the first trip in sch. Matiana since she was put in shape after running ashore at Scituate last Friday, stocked \$1100 on the trip landed at Boston on Monday.

Fish Imports at New York.

The imports of herring at New York during March were 2,404,501 pounds, valued at \$62,165; of mackerel, 475,948 pounds, valued at \$23,289; of cod, haddock, and hake, 94,996 pounds, valued at \$5098.

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BACK FROM THIRD HERRING TRIP TO NEWFOUNDLAND.

Sch. Indiana Returned From Bay of Islands Last Evening.

Waited For Release From Ice Before Starting For Home.

Home from Bay of Islands, N. F., and bringing what captain and crew went after, sch. Indiana, Capt. Almon D. Malloch, arrived here last evening with decks almost in the water, loaded to the scuppers with a cargo of salt bulk herring. The craft has made her third voyage of the winter, and has been frozen in the ice in the Middle Arm and had to wait until the pack broke up and released her before she could start home to market her catch.

The schooner left here on the very late date of February 18, to make her third trip of the season, Capt. Malloch figuring on account of the almost unprecedented mildness of the season that there would be little or no ice. His craft did get frozen in, but at that she has been gone only a little over two months, and many crafts are gone this time in the fall and winter on a seasonable Bay of Islands trip.

On her first trip of the season the Indiana left here November 10 and was back January 3 with a full salted cargo. Then sailing again January 19, she was back here February 5, again fully loaded, having broken all records for the length of time gone of a Newfoundland herring trip, besides making a remarkable passage home, one of the best on record, beating out the mail.

The Story of the Third Trip.

The Indiana sailed again on the third venture February 18. To a Times representative this morning Capt. John Keoughan, who went with Capt. Malloch as mate, told the story of the voyage.

They had a nice run down, arriving there February 22. They found herring scarce and no men to fish. In three days they had fishermen enough to begin operations and a little later herring struck in plentiful and of the largest kind. On account of the small size of their fishing gang, they were about a month in loading. They were

up off Penguin Head, in the Middle Arm, and when the cold snap came were frozen in, the fishermen then fishing through the ice and bringing the herring on board, over the ice, on sleds. The craft lay easily all the time and never was in any danger from the ice. The ice broke up in the Arm April 9 and the craft got clear and came out and down to Wood Island on that date.

All through the whole season, while of course the Arms were frozen over, the ice field did not extend very far out into the bay, reaching only as far as Woman Head. Outside in the gulf there was no field or gulf ice on the Newfoundland shore during the whole season.

Passage Home Was Like a Summer Sail.

The craft sailed for home April 20, in company with sch. James A. Garfield of this port, also herring laden the latter craft putting about and going back after getting a few miles off shore. No ice was met in the gulf. A fleet of 20 salt codfishermen was sighted fishing, all the way from Port au Port to Cape George, but they did not go near enough to distinguish if any Gloucester vessels were among them.

The passage home was a mild summer one, with light easterly airs and lots of fog, in fact after leaving Sydney not a sight of land was had until Thacher's Island was made late yesterday afternoon.

Capt. Malloch and all his crew wintered well, with little or no sickness, excepting Capt. Keoughan, who was taken with a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism about three weeks ago and is still suffering severely, the pain being located in the hip, making it very hard for him to walk. He will today have the services of a physician.

The craft hauled in this morning at the Gloucester Salt Fish Company and immediately began to take out her fare, which is hauled for 1750 barrels of salt bulk herring and 64 barrels of barrelled herring.

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NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

Lobsters are reported in unusual abundance at points east of Cape Negro. Most of the grounds were not fished during the winter. Steamer Nora J., running for Fred T. Nickerson & Co.'s factory at Clark's Harbor brought 104 crates on Saturday.

The fisheries committee at Ottawa have not yet disposed of the white elephant consisting of baby lobsters. The latest proposal is to retain the present season, and size limit, allowing no factories to open till March 1. From that time out, all sizes are their lawful prey.

Fishermen on all the south shore are confronted with a lobster bait famine, which will greatly hinder their spring work. There was a shortage in the supply from New Brunswick last fall, owing to reduced catches by the weirs, but it was hoped that schooner cargoes from Westport would come to the rescue this month. None has arrived, and enquiries by wire to every quarter bring reports of general scarcity. Almost \$4.00 per barrel is now offered. Seal Island boats may have to haul off early.

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Mackerel Notes.

Several schools of mackerel were sighted off Cape Hatteras recently by Capt. I. O. Farrow, master of the four-masted schooner Independent from Jacksonville, which was towed in at Boston yesterday by tug Confidence. A number of seiners were in the immediate vicinity, but none appeared to be taking fish.

Sch. Georgia, bound for the south seining, put into Provincetown Monday, and sailed again in the evening.

That mackerel have got away beyond where they are usually found at this season was proved by the trap owners at Newport. Last Saturday two large mackerel were found in a trap there, and Monday a tinker, or small mackerel, was taken from the trap. In the same traps a small quantity of scup or porgies was found, but not enough to make an impression on the market.

At Chincoteague this morning is the netter Lief Erickson with 400 large fresh mackerel. Also at that port are some small lots of mackerel, numbering 150 fish in count. All were shipped to New York.

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Sailed for Maine Coast.

Sch. Rebecca Bartlett sailed today on a Maine coast fishing trip under command of Capt. William Blinn.

Halibut Sale at Portland.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Marjorie Turner, at Portland yesterday, brought 8 1-2 cents per pound for white and gray.

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WINTER PRICES AT T WHARF.

Fresh Fish Craft Sell at Good Figures Today.

Mid-winter prices, as when fish are scarce and trips few and small to meet a hungry demand marks this April morning at T wharf. There are 15 trips in, hardly a poor one among them and all market boats but one, the latter being sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, from off-shore, with a big catch, 90,000 lbs. of cod and haddock and 1000 weight of halibut to top off with. The craft stands to stock in the vicinity of \$2000.

Off-shore haddock sold for \$2.50 and off-shore large cod. Shore haddock brought \$3.10 to \$4 and large shore cod \$4 to \$5 with \$3 for market. Hake were way up, \$3 to \$5, with pollock from \$1 to \$2.

Of the market boats, sch. Harmony has the largest fare, 34,000 pounds of cod and haddock and 2000 pounds of halibut. Sch. Mary E. Cooney has 25,000 pounds, sch. Belbina P. Domingoes 22,000 pounds, sch. Harvester 22,000 pounds and sch. Flora J. Sears, 17,000 pounds. The others range from 2000 to 11,000 pounds. Some fine stocks will be made. Trade is brisk and all the fish are wanted.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Alice, 11,000 haddock, 4500 cod.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 25,000 haddock, 65,000 cod, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2000 cod.

Sch. Nettie, 2000 haddock.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2900 haddock, 5800 cod.

Sch. Little Fannie, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Mettacommet, 3000 haddock.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Harmony, 15,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 2000 halibut.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Harvester, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 500 pollock.

Off shore haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; off shore large cod, \$4; shore haddock, \$3.10 to \$4; shore large cod, \$4 to \$5; shore market cod, \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$1 to \$2.

ANXIETY FOR SEALER.

Steamer Aurora Has Not Been Heard From Since April 3.

A report brought to St. John's, N. F., yesterday, by the sealing steamer Beothic that the Aurora, another vessel of the fleet, with a crew of 187 men, had not been seen since April 3, is not regarded by the Aurora's owners, C. T. Bowring & Co., Ltd., with alarm.

The owners said they were not uneasy and expected their vessel would return to port by next Monday. They said that she was a staunch ship and that ice conditions this season had been more favorable than for many years.

Capt. Abraham Kean, master of the steamer Florizel, commodore of the sealing fleet and commander of the Aurora for eight years, said today that the Aurora is one of the best ships engaged in the sealing industry. He entertained no fear for the steamer's safety.

Another expert fisherman who expressed no alarm for the safety of the Aurora is Hon. Archibald Piccott, minister of marine and fisheries in the Newfoundland cabinet. He considered that the ice conditions were so favorable that no mishap could befall the ship. He stated that it was not uncommon for the sealing vessels to be unreported for three or four weeks.

The steamer Kito, which arrived on Sunday, was not reported for 36 days.

The Aurora was last spoken April 3, going north after old seals.

TWO ARRIVALS WITH FISH TRIPS.

Many Vessels Delayed by
Weather Sail Today.

There are but two arrivals here this morning but more than usual interest attaches to one of them, sch. Indiana, from Bay of Islands, N. F., where the ice embargo has held her for some time, with a full cargo of salt bulk herring. This is the third salt herring trip of the 1909-10 season for this craft.

Sch. Mary DeCosta is here from Boston with 35,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters at the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The wind has come on the western board at last and there will be quite a lot of sailings in consequence. The pollock fleet got out early, eager for another try at the schools.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Indiana, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1500 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Sch. Actor, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, Provincetown
Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining
Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.
Sch. Conqueror, shacking.
Sch. Admiral Dewey, flitted halibut.
Sch. Florida, south netting.
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.
Steamer Nomad, netting.
Steamer Mystery, pollock seining.
Steamer Mascot, pollock seining.
Steamer Bryda F., pollock seining.
Steamer Alice, pollock seining.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.
Steamer Water Witch, pollock seining.
Steamer Independence, pollock seining.
Sch. Rebecca Bartlett, Maine coast fishing.
Sch. Oregon, flitted halibut.
Sch. Pauline, Georges.
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 3-4 cts. for gray.
Georges halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. per lb. for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

SCH. NIAGARA SUNK OFF CANSO, MAY BE TOTAL LOSS

Disaster Occurred in Dense Fog and
Craft in Dangerous Position.

Crew Obligated to Row Ashore
in Their Dories.

Sch. Niagara, Capt. Melvin Kilpatrick of this port, one of the fresh halibut fleet, is sunk near Canso, N. S., harbor, and will probably be a total loss. While making Canso harbor yesterday during a dense fog, the craft struck on the end of the South-east Breaker, poured badly, then slid off into deep water and sunk.

Capt. Kilpatrick and his crew were forced to take to the dories and rowed ashore at Canso. It was quite rough at the time, and the dense fog, which prevailed at the time, was responsible for the accident.

The craft, which under Capt. Kilpatrick's command, has been doing big work fresh halibuting, left here a few days ago, bound to Canso for a fresh herring baiting and was bound for that port when the accident happened.

The vessel's position must have been a dangerous one, as the crew were forced to leave her and row ashore in the dories.

Schooner Struck on Rock and Later
Slid Off and Sunk.

Later Capt. Kilpatrick went down to the scene of the wreck in a steamer and found that the schooner had slid off the rock and was on bottom with eight fathoms of water over her.

Dispatches to the agency of Charles H. M. Hazel, through whose office the craft is insured in the Providence-Washington Insurance Company for \$6500 on the vessel and \$2500 on outfits, has received telegrams from A. N. Whitman of Canso, stating that outside of the dories, nothing has been saved and that it looks as though the craft would be a total loss.

The Niagara was a fine vessel, 112.23 tons gross, 78.59 tons net, built at Essex in 1899 and owned by Samuel G. Pool & Sons.

It is probable that a steamer with wreckers and divers will go down to the craft today to ascertain her condition and if there is any chance of raising and saving her.

PACIFIC COD FLEET SAIL.

Will Seek for Fish in the Waters of
Behring Sea.

At 3 o'clock on April 17, sch. Joseph Russ loosed her moorings at the Robinson Fisheries Company's dock at Anacortes, Wash., and started on her journey to Behring sea. Great difficulty has been experienced in shipping the crews, but Captain Foss was finally able to round up a crew. The men were signed hurriedly, loaded on board and the craft was off.

The Russ achieved the distinction last year of bringing in the biggest cargo of cod taken by a single vessel, her catch for the season being 204,155 fish in 58 days' fishing. The Russ was the first ship to arrive home last season in spite of the fact that she was the last to get away.

The beginnings of the Russ' voyage last year were discouraging, and as fishermen are a superstitious lot, this fact somewhat hindered in obtaining a crew. As it is, the crew is practically a new one.

Last year the Russ, when 100 miles off Cape Flattery, her salt began to melt. Putting back, she lodged on a reef near Port Angeles and was towed to port by order of the underwriters for examination. In spite of all this delay, the Russ was second at the

fishing banks and was the first home with the largest cargo of cod ever brought in on a single vessel. Capt. Foss was in command of the Russ last year as well as this.

The officers and crew of the Russ are as follows: Capt. Charles Russ, first officer, R. J. Moore, second officer, H. Cavanaugh. Fishermen and sailors, Knut Sunde, Albert Meinseth, John Wik, Christ Rian, Harry Highland, Charles A. Smith, S. Osterman, J. Abrahamson, C. Hubbard, C. Engman, O. Anderson, Otto Sandberg, James Hill, Louis Hanson, Arn Olson, Richard Williams, A. E. Reeve, Archie Turner, Angus McKay, Al Dailey, A. E. Lind, Harry Hanson, Carl Nelson, Nels Johansen, William Sullivan, William Falls, Dave Magnuson, Wlwin Sheldon, Patrick Kelliher and Frank Leon.

The Fannie Dutard, of the Matheson Codfish Co., sailed from Seattle, April 15, in command of Capt. Norman Matheson. The Fannie Dutard is a three-master of 265 tons burden, is 126 feet in length and has a 31-foot beam.

All of the cod fisheries have experienced great difficulty in signing crews this season. Fish men say that the halibut fishers have offered enticing terms to the cod fishermen and represented that the halibut fishing was much more easy and pleasant than the work in Behring sea. This is supposed

to have been an important factor in rendering difficult the obtaining of crews.

Here's how the Anacortes American describes the get-away of one of the Behring Sea salt cod fishing crafts for its summer trip:

"A tragedy was averted last Saturday and a desperate situation turned into a farce when a seaman aboard the Alice leaned far over the rail of the boat and affixed a boat hook to the seat of the trousers of a drunken sailor, who had jumped overboard, holding him up in this fashion until men in a dory rescued the man and hoisted him back aboard.

"The days preceding the departure of codfish boats are days of convivial joy with the sailors and fishermen. Indeed, the main difficulty with getting away is the task of catching the fishermen when they are sober enough to sign up and sober enough to be gotten on board.

"With a portion of the crew signed and aboard, the captain decided to anchor the Alice in the stream in order to hold the men he had. Longing for the bibulous joys afforded by the city, one of the sailors jumped overboard into the chilly water.

"It is said that the man cannot swim a stroke, and had it not been for a sober comrade with a boat hook, the anxious sailor would have been food for fishes."

NEWFOUNDLAND NEWS.

Codfish is reported plentiful at Codroy and the fishermen there have secured very good catches during the past week. William Collier, a veteran of three score and ten, with two assistants in a small boat, secured 14 quintals on Saturday week, and others also did good work.

Both codfish and bait have been plentiful at Channel and vicinity for the past week and bankers and small boats secured good catches. The schooners are soon expected home to land their present catches, after which they will leave for the Gulf.

Whales are reported so numerous on the Southern shore this year that Bowrings will resume operations at Cape Broyle with the whaler Hawk, which last year was at Cape Charles. A message from Cape Broyle recently says that 20 whales were disporting themselves almost in the harbor the whole day.

A splendid new schooner, named the Grace Tibbo, and owned by S. Tibbo & Sons, was launched at Grand Bank last week. The new vessel, which measures 117 tons, was built during the past winter by John Forsey, one of the best shipbuilders in the country, and is a splendid piece of workmanship. She will be used as a banker in the summer and for foreign fish carrying during the winter months.

A message received in St. John's from Magdalen Islands indicates that the seal fishery there for this spring has been a failure, as there were only about 1000 seals taken on all the islands. Four vessels prosecuted the fishery from various points and two of them arrived back practically clean, one having 10 seals and the other one 12. The other schooners have not yet returned. The message further stated that herring are now plentiful in Pleasant Bay.

The brig. Galatea, Capt. Connors, which loaded codfish at James Baird, Ltd., arrived at Oporto April 18, after a good passage of 15 days. This was the Galatea's first trip for two years, she having been burnt in the Baird fire, purchased by J. H. Taylor, and rebuilt by him. That she has made such a good run is evidence that the vessel is now in as good, if not better condition than previously.

Newfoundland Fleet Being Overhauled at St. Pierre.

Dozens of fishing schooners from Fortune Bay, N. F., and neighboring places have gone to St. Pierre to receive their spring overhauling before commencing the summer fishery. They have not the proper facilities at their own ports.

MACKEREL MOVING NORTH.

Large Bloaters Taken Off Long Island
Tuesday.

Some large bloater mackerel were taken Tuesday off Gardner's bay, Long Island. This brings the fish nearer to the Boston market, and as another mackerel was found Tuesday night in one of the weirs at Cape Cod there is every reason to expect that the netters will soon begin to make catches between the Cape and Block Island.

The seiner Georgia, which sailed from Provincetown Monday evening, put back after going a short distance around the Cape as her captain found the fog so thick that he thought it dangerous to try to get south.

Pacific Halibut at Boston.

Three cars of Pacific halibut arrived at Boston yesterday.